

REMARKS

Specification Amendments

Some obvious typographical errors were noted in Table 2, page 63, and they are corrected herein.

Information Disclosure Statement

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(d), after Notice of Allowance but before payment of the Issue Fee. The fee under 1.17(p), \$180.00, has been paid electronically and Applicants make the following statement:

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Enclosed is an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office dated August 15, 2006 with an English Translation of the Office Action.

It will be noted that the reference cited in the enclosed JPO Office Action is JP 2002-148848 and that the reference has already been cited and considered by the U.S. Examiner, see the April 4, 2006 Office Action. The '848 reference is referred to

in the Specification at page 5, Patent Document 5. It appears from Public Pair that no English language Abstract of the '848 reference is present in the file, thus, enclosed is an English Abstract for the '848 reference.

Conclusion

A Notice of Allowance issued in this case, mail date October 3, 1006, and it is submitted that this amendment does not change the allowability of this case.

Should any further fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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